

AT A PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE HAMPTON PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, HAMPTON, VIRGINIA, ON APRIL 8, 2002 AT 3:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Perry T. Pilgrim, Vice-Chairman Ralph A. Heath, III, and Commissioners Timothy B. Smith, Harold O. Johns, Katherine K. Glass, Rhet Tignor

ABSENT: Commissioner George E. Wallace

ITEM I. ROLL CALL

A call of the roll noted Commissioner Wallace as being absent. (Commissioner Wallace was present during Item IV.)

ITEM II. MINUTES

There being no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Commissioner Rhet Tignor, and seconded by Commissioner Harold O. Johns to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2002 Planning Commission meeting. A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES:	Smith, Johns, Heath, Tignor, Pilgrim
NAYS:	None
ABST:	Glass
ABSENT:	Wallace

ITEM III. YOUTH PLANNER REPORT

Ms. Rashida Costley, Youth Planner, stated the focus groups were organized to obtain information regarding the security plan. They have been very successful with the focus groups and have approximately four groups to meet with. After meeting with the final group, the results will be tallied, and they will come up with ten characteristics. A Caring Relationship Survey has been developed and distributed, and the Youth Commission has received 250 of the surveys back. Mr. Ross Kearney, Jr., HRT, will give a presentation to the youth work session tonight on the HRT program. Ms. Costley invited the Commission to attend a public meeting held on April 22nd to discuss race relations.

Commissioner Glass stated she had the pleasure of representing the Planning Commission at the Virginia American Planning Association (VAPA) Conference on March 24-27th to discuss youth involvement in planning and government services. She had the privilege and pleasure of riding to and from the conference with the youth. They shared exchanges on music, she received parenting tips, and they had a very successful panel to attend (i.e. Terry O'Neill, Rich Goll, Cindy Carlson, Katherine Price, Brad Brubaker and Elizabeth Sykes), who represented the city very well. The conference was not well attended, but the people that did attend seemed interested and enjoyed the video.

REGULAR MEETING

ITEM IV. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Chairman Pilgrim read the public hearing notice on the next agenda item as advertised in the on March 25 and April 1, 2002.

1. **East Pembroke Avenue Corridor Study** Consideration of a corridor study for that portion of East Pembroke Avenue one mile east of the Buckroe Shopping Center to Buckroe Beach, prepared for the Neighborhood Office by EDAW. The overall concept is to revitalize the Buckroe community. Short-term recommendations include improvements to street sections and streetscaping, enhancing gateways into the neighborhood, creating a neighborhood commercial area with an overlay district and design guidelines, purchasing key parcels, expanding programming of beachfront events, and encouraging maintenance of residential properties. Long-term recommendations include developing or redeveloping key City-owned parcels, connecting retail activities on Buckroe Avenue, and incorporating non-residential uses into the long-term plan.

After discussion, the Commission approved the following resolution:

- WHEREAS: The Hampton Planning Commission has before it this day consideration of the general findings and recommendations contained in the East Pembroke Avenue Corridor Study; and
- WHEREAS: The general area covered by the Study includes the East Pembroke Avenue Corridor beginning approximately one mile east of Buckroe Shopping Center to Buckroe Beach; and
- WHEREAS: The East Pembroke Avenue Corridor Study represents a more detailed level of study and analysis to support recommendations contained in the Buckroe Neighborhood Plan (1995); and
- WHEREAS: This Study identifies specific actions and recommendations necessary to implement the overall goals established in the Buckroe Neighborhood Plan; and
- WHEREAS: Near term recommendations include recommendations to improve the appearance of major entryways, streetscaping, improving existing neighborhood commercial districts, the purchase of key parcels, the potential expansion of beachfront activities, and strategies for enhanced upkeep of residential properties; and
- WHEREAS: More long term recommendations include development of key City-owned properties in order to spur further redevelopment of private property; and
- WHEREAS: This Study involved substantial input from members of the Buckroe community; and

WHEREAS: One member of the Buckroe community expressed support for the directions outlined in this Study; and

WHEREAS: No one spoke in opposition to the recommendations and findings contained in this Study.

NOW, THEREFORE, on a motion by Commissioner Rhet Tignor and seconded by Commissioner Timothy B. Smith,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hampton Planning Commission recommends to the Honorable City Council that the general findings and recommendations of the East Pembroke Avenue Corridor Study be endorsed. A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES:	Smith, Johns, Heath, Glass, Wallace, Tignor, Pilgrim
NAYS:	None
ABST:	None
ABSENT:	None

Chairman Pilgrim read the next agenda item.

2. **Amendment to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan as adopted by City Council on 12/13/89** by the City of Hampton to meet the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Designation and Management Regulations (9 VAC 10-20). The amendment will replace the “Chesapeake Bay Water Quality” section of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan. The amendment identifies policies to protect the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay.

Mr. Keith Cannady, City Planner, stated the proposal is to amend the 2010 Comprehensive Plan as adopted by Hampton City Council on December 12, 1989. The purpose of the amendment is to meet the requirements of the Commonwealth of Virginia’s Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Designation and Management Regulations (Reference Code of Virginia: 9 VAC 10-20). The proposed amendment would replace the “Chesapeake Bay Water Quality” section of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan and supplement a number of existing city water quality protection policies and programs. The amendment identifies the additional policies that are needed to protect the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay as required by State law and regulations. This proposed amendment was the subject of a Planning Commission work session on December 10th and a briefing to the Hampton Wetlands Board on January 22nd and the Southern Area Review Committee of the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board on February 12th. The amendment was prepared in consultation with a number of city departments, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the Peninsula Home Builders Association, and staff of the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department. Staff of the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department have reviewed the proposed amendment and are prepared to recommend approval with the inclusion of the following additional information which states:

“Hampton’s inventory of environmentally sensitive features includes the areas in the city that meet the definition of Resource Protection Area (RPA) and Resource Management Area (RMA). Resource Protection Areas include tidal and connected non-tidal wetlands, tidal shores, and a one hundred foot vegetated buffer area adjacent to all water bodies with perennial flow. Resource Protection Areas perform natural pollution control functions. Biological activities in these areas are specially adapted for controlling pollution from storm water run-off by trapping sediment and recycling nutrients and other sources of pollution. Resource Management Areas include an additional one hundred foot distance from the Resource Protection Area boundary. Resource Management Areas also help to control pollution from storm water. These areas may include highly erodible soils, highly permeable areas, floodplains and wetlands which have a direct relationship to surface and ground water quality. Improper development in these areas can have detrimental effects on water quality.

After discussion, the Commission approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The Commission has before it this day a proposed amendment by the City of Hampton to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan as adopted by City Council on 12/13/89 to meet the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Designation and Management regulations (9 VAC 10-20); and,

WHEREAS: The purpose of the amendment is to identify policies to protect the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay; and,

WHEREAS: The proposed amendment will replace the “Chesapeake Bay Water Quality” section of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS: The proposed amendment was prepared in consultation with effected City departments, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the Peninsula Home Builders Association, and the staff of the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department; and,

WHEREAS: The Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department has reviewed the proposed amendment and is prepared to recommend approval; and,

NOW THEREFORE, on a motion by Commissioner Ralph A. Heath III and seconded by Commissioner Harold O. Johns,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hampton Planning Commission does hereby recommend to the honorable City Council that the report “Chesapeake Bay Preservation – 2010 Comprehensive Plan Amendment” be adopted as an amendment to the City of Hampton 2010 Comprehensive Plan.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Smith, Johns, Heath, Glass, Wallace, Tignor, Pilgrim
NAYS: None

ABST: None
ABSENT: None

ITEM V. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. O'Neill stated to the Commission that the city is going into their budget season which is going to be a more detailed and difficult budget year for City Council and the city as a whole. The Planning staff has been asked to decrease funding for the department due to factors that are outside of the city's control. The department will provide a report to the Commission on any impacts after the adoption of the budget to be held May 1st, and May 8th. Because the Planning Commission is a high priority, he does not anticipate anything that the Commission should notice. He will keep the Commission abreast on the outcome of the budget.

ITEM VI. ITEMS BY THE PUBLIC

There were no items by the public.

ITEM VII. MATTERS BY THE COMMISSION

In response to a question by Commissioner Heath regarding the resolution of the East Pembroke Corridor Study, and what happens if the Neighborhood Commission does not support the resolution, Mr. O'Neill stated the Neighborhood Commission's charge is to review all planning documents in terms of compliance and consistency of the overall goals and objectives of the neighborhood initiatives. They can choose to make comments if there is an issue, but they have no veto power in terms of the documents. City Council endorses the documents.

ITEM VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional items to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry P. O'Neill
Secretary to Commission

APPROVED BY:

Perry T. Pilgrim
Chairman